

Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: Resolution in Support of the Florida Blasting Monitoring Bills

Date: February 18, 2020

Recommendation:

To pass a resolution in support of HB 1047, which was sponsored by Representative Bryan Avila, a Bill Creating a Blast monitoring and reporting program. As well, Senator Manny Diaz, Jr., has filed SB 1618 in support thereof. The cost to be cover by the State and completely independent of the Mining companies.

Background:

During the January 2020 Town Council Meeting the Town Council deliberated support to Florida Senate Bill 1618 and House Bill 1047 regarding the creation of rock blast monitoring and reporting legislation.

The effects of rock mining shock waves on real-property has been an important issue for many Town residents. Recently, Representative Brian Avila and Senator Manny Diaz, Jr., have presented bills to provide for greater monitoring and reporting of rock mining blasts.

The Town Council found that for the rock mining blast legislation to be effective, it is necessary to provide for the collection of data at different distances from the blast site. Accordingly, the Town Council passed support for Senate Bill 1618 and House Bill 1047 if monitoring is conducted at various distances from the location of the rock mining blasts.

Attachment: Resolution